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TITLE: ANOMALOUS EXPANSION MATERIALS

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependencies and other informalities. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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